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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 21-31 March 1995.

21 March 1995

Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Khidr, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi and Qurnah.

On 21 March 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1035 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1203 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1350 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1455 hours.

22 March 1995

Southern region: 58 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Basra, Salman, Jalibah and Artawi.

On 22 March 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1035 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1228 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1316 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1523 hours.

23 March 1995

Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah, Artawi, Busayyah and Chabaish.

24 March 1995

Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Chabaish, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Shanafiyah and Artawi.

On 24 March 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1110 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1300 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1300 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1500 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1328 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1503 hours.

25 March 1995

Southern region: 49 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Salamn, Chabaish, Busayyah, Artawi, Jalibah, the area to the south of Najaf and the area to the south of Diwaniyah.

At 1155 hours, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1335 hours.

26 March 1995

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi and Busayyah.

On 26 March 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1005 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1110 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1252 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1420 hours.

27 March 1995

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Aqrah, Rawanduz and Shaqlawah.

(b) Southern region: 53 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Chabaish.

On 27 March 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1000 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1200 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1255 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1457 hours.

28 March 1995

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Chabaish, Artawi, Busayyah and Salman.

On 28 March 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1045 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1415 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1415 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1155 hours.

At 0335 hours on 28 March 1995, hostile aircraft broke the sound barrier over residential neighbourhoods in the city of Samawah, capital of Muthanna Governorate.

29 March 1995

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Zakho, Amadiyah, Aqrah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 64 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

On 29 March 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1000 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1123 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1255 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1420 hours.

30 March 1995

(a) Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah and Busayyah.

On 30 March 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1000 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1125 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1120 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1357 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1300 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1425 hours.

31 March 1995

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Amadiyah, Mosul, Irbil and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 60 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Samawah, Salman and Nasiriyah.

On 31 March 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1040 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1212 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1345 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1505 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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